Orissa submitted a memorandum on drought situatiton in January 1985. The State Government had reported drought conditions in all the 13 districts of the State including Phulabani and Kalahandi due to inadequate and uneven rainfall during the period May 1984 to January 1985. No further report on drought situation has been received so far from the State Government.

(b) and (c) On the basis of report of the Central Team which visited the State between 16th and 19th February 1985, and recommendations of the High Level Committee on Relief thereon, a ceiling of Central assistance of Rs. 8.95 crores (including Rs. 6.00 crores for spill over expenditure in the year 1985-86) was sanctioned to the Government of Orissa on 1-4-1985. No request for additional assistance has been received so far.

Allotment to Flats to retired Government employees under the HUDCO Scheme

*72. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of WORKS AND HOUSING be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 1856 given in the Rajya Sabha on 17th May, 1985 and state:

(a) the number of applications received from the retired Government employees for different categories of flats i.e. Janta, LIG and MIG under the HUDCO scheme;

(b) the extent to which DDA would be in a position to provide flats to the applicants; and

(c) the manner in which DDA proposes to accommodate the applicants who may not get flats under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WORKS AND HOUSING (SHRI ABDUL GHAFOOR): (a) 1387 Applications were received from the Public Servants who had retired or were retiring up to December, 1985 and were registered under the New Pattern Housing Scheme, 1979. Category-wise break-up of the applicants is as under:—

Janata ..	.. 49
L. I. G. ..	.. 367
M. I. G. ..	.. 971
TOTAL	1387

(b) and (c) The Delhi Development Authority plans to provide flats to all the above applicants.

Telecast in Gujarati from the Ahmedabad Doordarshan

*73. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Ahmedabad Doordarshan Kendra will start telecasting regional T. V. programme in Gujarati;

(b) whether Government propose to open second channel for Ahmedabad to cater to the needs for Gujarati programmes; and

(c) what is the long-term plan for opening second channel at various Doordarshan Kendras?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): (a) TV Studio Centre under implementation at Ahmedabad is expected to be commissioned during 1986-87 when Regional programmes in Gujarati will be produced and telecast from the TV transmitter at Ahmedabad.

(b) No, Sir. The transmitter already installed would carry mainly Gujarati programmes when the studio is commissioned in 1986-87.

(c) Second Channel TV service has already been introduced in Delhi and Bombay. Similar service in Madras and Calcutta is proposed to be introduced during the current year. Provision of second channel at other centres would depend upon the availability of resources in future.